

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MRS. MILDRED MAE
DUKE

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Mildred Mae Duke for more than 35 years of dedicated service as a federal employee.

Mrs. Duke is the third child of seven. She was born and raised in Biloxi, Mississippi, where she and her husband, Mr. Summer Isaac Duke, reside today. They have one son, Jon Maxwell "Max" Duke.

Mrs. Duke attended St. Michael's Catholic School from grades 1 through 6, and later attended Biloxi High School, where she graduated in 1974. Mrs. Duke's father, Mr. John Wallace Toche, served in the United States Army during the Korean War. As the daughter of a Korean War veteran, Mrs. Duke has always held a deep appreciation for our military.

Mrs. Duke's federal civil service began as an employee at the Pearl Harbor Navy Base in Honolulu, Hawaii from 1985 to 1986. Her first position was the Administration Assistant for the Officer-in-Charge Industrial Hygienist Office. Mrs. Duke's drive and determination quickly became apparent. She was promoted in November 1986 to Administrative Assistant at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, at the 15th Supply Squadron until May 1993.

After leaving Pearl Harbor, she traveled to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where she worked as Executive Assistant to the Director of Defense Intelligence Agency at the American Embassy from August 1994 until August 1996.

After returning from overseas to her hometown, she was hired as the secretary to the Military Personnel Flight Commander at Keesler Air Force Base from July 2002 until January 2007. Since 2013, she has served as Executive Assistant/Protocol Manager to the Commanding Officer at the Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport, Mississippi.

Throughout Mrs. Duke's career, she has received 2 Civilian of the Year Awards, 2 Civilian of the Quarter Awards, 21 Exceptional Performance Awards, 2 Special Act Awards and a Civilian Meritorious Service Award. Mrs. Duke will be retiring this year, after over 35 years of dedication to the state of Mississippi and our great Nation. On behalf of the 4th Congressional District, we wish her the best.

REMEMBERING MILTON P. MOORE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I am grateful to remember a great South Carolinian, Milton P. Moore. Milton was always involved in his community through his

service in the South Carolina National Guard and as an adjunct professor at the University of South Carolina. He was vital in the development of the modern Republican Party of South Carolina and much of its success is credited to him with the largest Republican majorities in 140 years.

At the Eastminster Presbyterian Church services, the Reverend Doctor Benjamin Sloan and the Reverend Doctor Bradley Smith eloquently cited Milton Moore as a person who loved people. My wife Roxanne and I were appreciative being with Governor Henry McMaster, First Lady Peggy McMaster, Attorney General Alan Wilson, State Representative Chip Huggins, and Republican State Chairman Drew McKissick.

MILTON P. MOORE

DECEMBER 3, 1943–JUNE 22, 2021

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA.—Milton Perry Moore was born December 3, 1943 in Clinton, South Carolina to Wilma McCracken Moore and Perry Martin Moore. His father was a farmer and his mother owned and operated a loan office. She was one of very few women in business in her day. Growing up in Clinton, an idyllic, southern mill town, shaped his life. He and his wife Jean attended Clinton schools, from Kindergarten through graduating together from Clinton High in the Class of 1962. After High School he attended Oak Ridge Military Academy in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He was a graduate of Wofford College in the Class of 1967. He moved his young family to Columbia in 1972 to attend Graduate School at the University of South Carolina. Jean supported the family as Resident Manager of Hampton Park Apartments. Milton earned a Master's Degree in Business Administration and a Master's Degree in Accountancy. Many years later he was an Adjunct Professor of Finance and Taxation at the University of South Carolina. He served in the South Carolina National Guard as a Military Police officer. He was a member of Ducks Unlimited, the Columbia Rotary Club (Paul Harris Fellow), the Irmo Navy, and was a pioneer in the development and success of the modern day Republican Party in South Carolina. He led many highly successful fundraising efforts for candidates statewide from the early days. He was a head Usher at Eastminster Presbyterian Church for more than twenty years.

He grew up water skiing on Lake Greenwood and then Lake Murray, where he built the Moore family Jake home in 1980. He enjoyed duck hunting with friends and ultimately his sons. He floated almost every river in South Carolina. He taught his sons, among many other things, about shotguns, tractors, boats and motors. He was extremely proud of his daughter and her commitment to succeed him in his business. He could and would fix or build most anything. He studied the South and wrote the family book on our Scottish heritage. He was gifted as an inspirational public speaker and teacher of life. He possessed a quick wit. He loved Bluegrass, Country and Gospel music. He threw a little Fourth of July party at Lake Murray every now and then. He was meticulous, had an unrivaled positive attitude, endless motivation and energy. He had a special heart. He was the compass of our family. He guided us to the rivers, lakes, the ocean,

churches and most importantly our family. He will be missed every day.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Jean Bailey Arnold; children, Martin Arnold Moore (Lauri), Meredith Moore Housman (Gary), Matthew McCracken Moore; grandchildren, Ross Martin Moore, John Bailey Moore, Lyndsay Meredith Moore, Adlai Vassy Moore, Langston Emory Moore, Louisa Perry Moore, Reese Woodruff Housman and Riley Kathryn Housman.

The memorial service for Mr. Moore will be held at 11 o'clock, Friday, June 25, 2021 at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 3200 Trenholm Road, Columbia, S.C. A visitation will be held in Thompson Hall immediately following the service, and from 5 until 7 o'clock at Lake Murray Presbyterian Church, 2721 Dutch Fork Road, Chapin, S.C. A livestream of the service may be seen by visiting eastminsterpres.org.

At a later date, Milton will be buried in Bethesda Cemetery in York County. Generations of Moores have been laid to rest in this special place since their arrival in South Carolina in the 1700s.

Donations in his memory may be made to Eastminster Presbyterian Church; Hammond School, 854 Galway Lane, Columbia, SC 29209; Lake Murray Presbyterian Church; or the Animal Mission of Columbia, P.O. Box 50023, Columbia, S.C. 29250.

Memories and condolences may be shared at ShivesFuneralHome.com.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2021

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of legislation reauthorizing funding for the National Science Foundation, HR 2225, the National Science Foundation for the Future Act.

I thank the Chair and Ranking Member for their leadership and hard work to put together this package. I'm proud to be a cosponsor of this bill to increase much-needed NSF funding while implementing new and creative strategies to improve STEM education and bolster our research and engineering infrastructure.

The NSF is a funder of more than 1800 institutions in the US. Given that a quarter of all federal funding is contributed through the Foundation, nearly every student in STEM has been in one way or another supported by the NSF through grants, fellowships, and research opportunities.

Despite continuing support from Congress, the reality is that the majority of grant proposals NSF receives are rejected and valuable research projects are never carried out.

During an era of tough global competition in the science and technology sector, it is so important that we find effective ways to boost scientific advancements and keep up with a quickly changing world.

This bill would authorize increased funding for the next five years, setting our students

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